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REPLY

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2004, the Applicant respectfully provides the following Remarks.

Remarks

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of the present Application. In the Office Action, claims 1-5, 8-11 and 13-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0022976 A1 (hereinafter referred to as "the Hartigan Publication"). Additionally, dependent claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Hartigan Publication further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,380,953 to Mizuno. Further,